

Course Title: A Level Geography	LARS/QAN Code: 601/8576/4
Level: Three	Awarding Organisation: OCR (H481)
Delivery: Classroom based	Start Date: September
Location: Headlands School	Url: http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/
Cost: Covered by EFA funding	Duration: 2 years
Full-time or Part-time: Full-time	Attendance: Daytime

Who is the course for?

This course is for students who want to continue studying geography after GCSE. You will be familiar with some topics, but the A level will give you the chance to study these and some new ones, in much greater depth. It's for you if you are interested in current global issues like climate change, human rights and globalisation. You might be choosing geography because you're headed for a career in a geography related occupation though it will give you a set of skills that can be used in a whole variety of careers. For some geography related careers, it's good to have studied geography in combination with subjects like maths, chemistry, physics or biology.

Entry requirements:

Standard entry requirement for A Level programme. A confidence in Maths (Grade 5 or above) is desirable.

What you'll learn:

Component 1: Physical Systems

Topics covered: Landscape Systems (Coastal Landscapes) and Earth's Life Support Systems (Water and Carbon)

Component 2: Human Interaction

Topics covered: Changing Spaces, Making Places and Global Connections: Systems (Trade in the Contemporary World) and Governance (Human Rights)

Component 3: Geographical Debates

Topics covered: Climate Change and Hazardous Earth

Component 4: Geographical Investigation

Students will undertake fieldwork during the course. These will be on both human and physical geography topics. At least 4 days of fieldwork will take place during the course. They will collect, record and analyse data in order to examine hypotheses.

An individual investigation of 3000 to 4000 words will then take place.

The assignment will count for 20% of the overall 'A' level mark.

How you'll learn:

You'll learn through formal teaching in the classroom including case studies, lectures, presentations, discussions, films, individual and group project work and debates. You will be expected to undertake personal study including research, revision and homework tasks to support your learning. There will be field trips and visits, geography careers and higher education talks.

How you'll be assessed:

Question types include short answers, data and source material interpretation responses and extended written answers.

There will be 1 x 1.5 hour and 1x 2.5hour examinations counting for 80% of the total marks. The remaining 20% is to be gained through the Geographical Investigation.

Where next:

Continue to study Geography at University to degree level.

The skills you will acquire on this course, such as ICT, graphical and mathematical enquiry, planning and map work, are also useful for most jobs and university courses.

Previous students have gone on to employment in the fields of town planning, work with the environment agency, renewable energy, education, tourism and surveying.